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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2023

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *DDC*

SUBJECT: EPIC's Read by Grade Three Educator Survey

When the Michigan legislature first passed the Read by Grade Three (RBG3) law ([MCL 380.1280f](#)) in 2016, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requested that the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) at Michigan State University work in partnership with MDE and the state's Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) to engage in a research study of the law. The purpose of this research is 1) to understand the law's effects on student achievement and attainment and 2) how the law is being implemented in schools and districts across the state.

While Senate Bill 12 to remove the retention component of the RBG3 law was signed into law by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the bill will not take effect until April 2024. Thus, there will be one more identification of third-grade students who could be potentially retained following this spring's MSTEP results.

Next school year, the retention requirement is repealed from state law and it still remains critical to understand the continued implementation of other components of the RBG3 law, such as early literacy coaching and Individual Reading Improvement Plans (I-RIPs). Results from the past three [EPIC reports](#) inform ongoing efforts to revise the law and improve early literacy in Michigan.

EPIC sent surveys to all K-5 teachers and principals, district superintendents, and early literacy coaches statewide on April 3, 2023, to ask about their views on the law. The survey will take approximately 25 minutes, and educators will receive five state continuing education clock hours (SCECHs) for completing the survey. The survey can be accessed at: [RBG3 Survey](#).

Individual responses to the survey will be kept strictly confidential. All responses will be summarized so that no individual or school can be identified.

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If you have questions about the RGB3 research or the survey, please contact EPIC managing director Emily Mohr at emohr@msu.edu.

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